

## Nevada Plan Maintenance Record

**Title of Planning Document:** Las Vegas RMP Approved ROD

**Programs(s):** Rights-of-way, Minerals, ACECs, Special Status Species, Forestry, Acquisitions, Fire and OHV

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**Page Numbers:** 3-8, 10-12, 16-20, 27 and 30.

**Change/Clarification:** Decision AC-1a/2a identifies some but not all decisions to guide management in all ACECs designated in the Las Vegas RMP. This action assembles all management guidance in the existing tables by decision and management direction, for example LD-2 for Land Use Authorizations. See attached revised Tables 2-2 to 2-6.


**Rationale:** The current Tables do not provide staff with all potential restrictions or management for each designated ACEC, in one location. By referencing the decision or management direction in the revised Tables, staff can be guided to all decisions that apply to a project that is proposed in an ACEC.

### Type of Change (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	New information available (cite sources)
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Error in original document
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### Conformance


Yes	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The clarification is in conformance with the approved Plan
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**Table 2-2. Desert tortoise Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).**

ACEC Name		Piute/Eldorado	Coyote Springs	Mormon Mesa	Gold Butte, Part A
<b>Acreage</b>		329,440	75,500	151,360	186,909
<b>Values</b>		Critical tortoise habitat.			
	<b>Lands</b>	Retain in federal ownership. Designated as linear ROW avoidance areas except within corridors, and exclude linear ROW's and as noted in RW-1-f. Site type RW (non-linear) exclusion areas see RW-1-g. Closed to Land Use Authorizations see, LD-2. Decisions for additional management of desert tortoise, SS-3, SS-3-a-(a, c, d, e, f, h, & i), RW-1-d, AQ-1-a-1, AQ-1-a-4-a.			
	<b>Minerals</b>	Close to locatable minerals and solid leasables. Open to fluid mineral leasing subject to no surface occupancy stipulations. Allow material site ROW only within 1/2 mile of the centerline of Federal Aid Highways. Designate as a site type ROW exclusion area except within 1/2 mile of either side of Federal Aid Highways. Allow FUP only within 1/2 mile of the centerline of federal and state highways and specified county roads. Issue FUP to governmental entities only. See MN-2-a for requirement in Tortoise ACECs only.			
	<b>Range</b>	Close to livestock grazing. Manage for zero wild horses and burros. See FR-1-a for wood cutting restriction guidance.			
	<b>Roads</b>	Require reclamation of temporary roads. Authorize new roads in response to specific proposed actions where no feasible alternative exists. Ensure access to private property. See SS-3-a(h & o)			
	<b>Wildlife</b>	Do not allow commercial collection of flora. Only allow commercial collection of fauna upon completion of a scientifically credible study that demonstrates commercial collection does not adversely impact affected species or their habitat. This action will not affect hunting, trapping or casual collection as permitted by the State.			
	<b>OHV/ORV Designations and Recreation</b>	Designate as "Limited to designated roads and trails" for all motorized and mechanized vehicles. Prohibit ORV speed events, mountain bike races, horse endurance rides, 4WD hill climbs, mini events, publicity rides, high speed testing and similar speed based events. Commercial activities may be permitted on a case-by-case basis if consistent with the recovery of the desert tortoise. Allow non-speed events subject to: 1) Recreation Use Permits shall be required for events with more than 25 vehicles; 2) Events with more than 100 vehicles must be held during the tortoise inactive season (11/1 to 2/28(29). There will be a cap of no more than 300 motorcycles or 300 four-wheeled vehicles on any event with the exception that if an alternative route is not found for the Barstow to Las Vegas, the number of entrants permitted in Nevada will be consistent with that permitted by California. 3) No off-highway vehicle events will be permitted from 4/1 to 6/1 and from 8/15 to 10/15 (dates will vary slightly annually to provide a full weekend if 4/1 falls during the weekend and to provide three full weekends prior to (or including) 11/1); 4) A maximum of 10 permitted non-speed events will be allowed annually during the tortoise active season (3/1 to 10/31) with no more than 3 events per ACEC, with the exception that an event based on historic use patterns will be allowed from Mesquite through the Mormon Mesa ACEC. This event may have 200 entrants, will count as 2 of the 3 events held annually and is limited to a one way route (north-south or south-north); 5) A maximum of 12 permitted non-speed events will be allowed annually during the tortoise inactive season with no more than 4 events per ACEC; 6) Vehicles shall not exceed the legal speed limit (posted or unposted) of the road(s) used during the event. Clark County speed limit for unposted roads is 25 MPH. See SS-3-a(g & p)			

**Table 2-3. Archaeological and cultural resources ACECs (not shared with other ACECs).**

ACEC Name		Stump Spring	Sloan Rock Art District	Hidden Valley	Keyhole Canyon	Bird Spring ***	Arden Historic Sites	Crescent Townsite
Acreage		641	320	3,360	361	161	1,480	437
Values		Prehistoric camp and historic trail/ camp).	Prehistoric habitation and rock art.				Historic railroad construction, and mining.	
	Lands		ROW exclusion.	Retain in federal ownership. Designated as linear ROW avoidance areas except within corridors, and exclude linear ROW's and as noted in RW-1-f. Site type RW (non-linear) exclusion areas see RW-1-g. Closed to Land Use Authorizations see, LD-2. Close to mineral material ROWs.				
	Minerals	Close to locatable minerals, salables and solid leasables. Open to fluid minerals subject to no surface occupancy stipulations.						
	Range	Manage consistent with the surrounding allotment and herd management area, if applicable.						
	Roads	Require reclamation of temporary roads. Authorize new roads in response to specific authorized actions only, ensure access to private property. See SS-3-a(h & o)						
	OHV/ORV Designations and Recreation	Limited designation, consistent with OHV designations of surrounding areas, except for Hidden Valley which is closed to OHV.						
	Key: ***Within Red Rock Canyon NCA expansion; acreage not included in total ACEC calculations in plan. Already withdrawn from mineral entry under the Red Rock legislation.							

**Table 2-4. Archaeological and cultural resources ACECs and a Natural ACEC (shared with Gold Butte ACEC).**

ACEC Name		Gold Butte ACEC, Part B		Gold Butte ACEC, Part A		
		Gold Butte ACEC, Part B	Gold Butte Townsites	Red Rock Spring	Whitney Pocket	Devil's Throat
Acreage		119,097*	***160	**640	**160	**640
Values		Cultural resources, scenic, wildlife habitat, sensitive species.	Historic mining	Prehistoric habitation and rock art.		Natural hazard area.
	Lands	Retain in federal ownership. Designated as linear ROW avoidance areas except within corridors, and exclude linear ROW's and as noted in RW-1-f. Site type RW (non-linear) exclusion areas see RW-1-g. Closed to Land Use Authorizations see, LD-2.	Retain in federal ownership. Designate as ROW avoidance area. . Designated as linear ROW avoidance areas except within corridors, and exclude linear ROW's and as noted in RW-1-f. Site type RW (non-linear) exclusion areas see RW-1-g. Closed to Land Use Authorizations see, LD-2.			
	Minerals	Close to locatable minerals, salables and solid leasables. Open to fluid minerals subject to timing and special use constraints.	Close to locatable minerals, salables and solid leasables. Open to fluid minerals subject to no surface occupancy stipulations. Close to mineral material ROWs.			
	Range	Close to grazing. Manage wild burros at AML = 98. See FR-1-a for wood cutting restriction guidance.	Manage consistent with the surrounding allotment and herd management area, if applicable.			
	Roads	Require reclamation of temporary roads. Authorize new roads in response to specific authorized actions only, ensure access to private property. See SS-3-a(h & o)				
	OHV/ORV Designations and Recreation	Limited to existing roads and trails. Do not allow speed ORV events. Other events allowed on case-by-case basis.	Limited designation; consistent with OHV designations of surrounding areas.			
	Key: *Includes 160 acres of Gold Butte Townsite; excludes Bureau of Reclamation withdrawn land **Within Gold Butte ACEC Part A, acreage not included in totals calculations in plan. ***Within Gold Butte ACEC Part B; acreage not included in totals calculations in plan.					

Table 2-5. Special wildlife and riparian ACECs.

ACEC Name		Amargosa Mesquite	Gold Butte ACEC Part C* (Virgin Mountains)	Big Dune	Ash Meadows	
Acreage		6,891	38,431	1,920	37,152	
Values		Neotropical bird habitat.	Wildlife habitat; scenic and botanical.	Special Status species habitat.		
	<b>Lands</b>	Retain in federal ownership. . Designated as linear ROW avoidance areas except within corridors, and exclude linear ROW's and as noted in RW-1-f. Site type RW (non-linear) exclusion areas see RW-1-g. Closed to Land Use Authorizations see, LD-2. Close to mineral material ROWs.			(and) Designate as ROW exclusion area.	(and) Acquire private land on a willing seller basis.
	<b>Minerals</b>	Close to locatable minerals, salables and solid leasables.				
	<b>Fluid Minerals</b>	Allow fluid mineral leasing, subject to Timing and Surface Use Constraint special stipulations		Allow fluid mineral leasing subject to no surface occupancy stipulations.	Close to geothermal prospecting and leasing, including BLM lands inside the Ash Meadows NWR	
	<b>Range</b>	Open to livestock grazing. AML for wild horses and burros = zero.	Close to livestock grazing. N/A for wild horses and burros. FR-1-a	See SS-2-c, See FR-1-a for wood cutting restriction.	Close to livestock grazing. AML for wild horses = zero. See SS-1-b and SS-2-b, FR-1-a	
	<b>Roads</b>	Require reclamation of temporary roads. Authorize new roads in response to specific authorized actions only, ensure access to private property. See SS-3-a(h & o)				
	<b>OHV/ORV Designations and Recreation</b>	Designate as limited to existing roads and trails. No competitive ORV events.		Designate 10-15% as closed to OHV; designate 85-90% as open to OHV; no competitive ORV events.	Outside the Refuge boundary - Limit to existing roads and trails; within the Refuge boundary - limited, designated roads and trails. No competitive OHV events.	
	<b>Key</b>	*Originally called Virgin Mountain ACEC, it was combined with the Gold Butte ACEC to form one contiguous ACEC.				

**Table 2-6. Combination values ACECs**

<b>ACEC Name</b>		<b>Arrow Canyon</b>	<b>Rainbow Gardens</b>	<b>River Mountains</b>	<b>Virgin River</b>
<b>Acreage</b>		2,084	37,620	5,617	6,411
<b>Values</b>		Paleontological (Miocene bird tracks); Geological (candidate for the mid-carboniferous boundary stratotype section); cultural (prehistoric rock art).	Geological; scientific; scenic; cultural (320 acres); sensitive plants.	Bighorn sheep habitat; scenic viewshed for Henderson and Boulder City.	T&E; riparian habitat; cultural resources (5,000 acres only)..
	<b>Lands</b>	Retain in federal ownership. . Designated as linear ROW avoidance areas except within corridors, and exclude linear ROW's and as noted in RW-1-f. Site type RW (non-linear) exclusion areas see RW-1-g. Closed to Land Use Authorizations see, LD-2. Close to mineral material ROWs.			
		(and) Acquire private land w/riparian or aquatic habitat on a willing seller basis.			
	<b>Minerals</b>	Close to locatable minerals, salables and solid leasables. Open to fluid minerals subject to no surface occupancy stipulations. See MN-1-k-2 specific to Rainbow Gardens only.			
	<b>Range</b>	Manage consistent with the surrounding allotment and herd management area, if applicable.	Close to livestock grazing. N/A for wild horses and burros.	N/A	Close to livestock grazing. N/A for wild horses and burros.
	<b>Roads</b>	Require reclamation of temporary roads. Authorize new roads in response to specific authorized actions only, ensure access to private property. See SS-3-a(h & o)			
	<b>OHV/ORV Designations and Recreation</b>	Limited designation consistent with OHV designations of surrounding areas.	Designate as limited to designated roads and trails. No speed based vehicle events.	Designate as limited to existing roads and trails. No speed based vehicle events.	

Note: All ACECs have fire management guidelines that are based on FE-1-d and should be spelled out in the Fire Management Plan.